

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An aqueous pharmaceutical composition comprising propofol and one or more excipient.

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2. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said one or more excipient is selected from the group consisting essentially of a GRAS excipient, purified poloxamer, Ammonium acetate, Benzalkonium chloride, Benzethonium chloride, Benzyl alcohol, Brij 35, Brij 97, Calcium gluceptate, ChlorobutanOL, Citric Acid, Cremophor EL, Deoxycholate,

10 Diethanolamine, Ethanol, Gamma cyclodextrin, Glycerin, Lactobionic acid, Lysine, Magnesium chloride, Methylparaben, PEG 1000, PEG 300, PEG 3350, PEG 400, PEG 600, Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338, Poloxmer 407, Polyoxyethylene 100 stearate, Polyoxyethylene 40 stearate, Polyoxyethylene 50 stearate, Polysorbate 20, Polysorbate 80, Povidone , Propylene Glycol, Sodium acetate, Vitamine E TPGS,

15 Sodium benzoate, and Sodium tartate.

3. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said one or more excipient is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) Benzalkonium chloride , Cremophor EL;
- b) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237;
- c) Benzalkonium chloride , Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237;
- d) Benzalkonium chloride , Cremophor EL, Polysorbate 80;
- e) Benzalkonium chloride , Cremophor EL, Propylene Glycol;
- f) Benzalkonium chloride , Cremophor EL;
- g) Benzalkonium chloride , PEG 400, Poloxamer 237;
- h) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 338;
- i) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 188;
- j) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
- k) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237, Polysorbate 80;
- l) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237, Propylene Glycol;
- m) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237, vitamine E TPGS;
- n) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 237, Saccharin sodium;
- o) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 338;
- p) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 338;
- q) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 407 ;
- r) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
- s) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
- t) Benzalkonium chloride , Poloxamer 407, vitamine E TPGS;
- u) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL;
- v) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, PEG 400;
- w) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, Poloxamer 237;

x) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, Poloxamer 338;
y) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, Poloxamer 407;
z) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, Polysorbate 80;
aa) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, Propylene Glycol;
5 bb) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL, vitamine E TPGS;
cc) Benzethonium chloride, Cremophor EL;
dd) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Poloxamer 188;
ee) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Poloxamer 237;
ff) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Poloxamer 338;
10 gg) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Poloxamer 407;
hh) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
ii) Benzethonium chloride, PEG 400, Polysorbate 80;
jj) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188;
kk) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237;
15 ll) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 338;
mm) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 407;
nn) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
oo) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Polysorbate 80;
pp) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, Propylene Glycol;
20 qq) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188, vitamine E TPGS;
rr) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 188;
ss) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237;
tt) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
uu) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
25 vv) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
ww) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Polysorbate 80;
xx) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Propylene Glycol;
yy) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, vitamine E TPGS;
zz) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 237;
30 aaa) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338;
bbb) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
ccc) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
ddd) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338, Polysorbate 80;
eee) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338, vitamine E TPGS;
fff) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 338;
35 ggg) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407;
hhh) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
iii) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
jjj) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407, Propylene Glycol;
40 kkk) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407, vitamine E TPGS;
lll) Benzethonium chloride, Poloxamer 407;
mmm) Benzethonium chloride, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate Polysorbate 80;
nnn) Benzethonium chloride, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate Propylene Glycol;
ooo) Benzethonium chloride, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate vitamine E TPGS;
45 ppp) Benzethonium chloride, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
qqq) Benzethonium chloride, Polysorbate 80;
rrr) Benzethonium chloride, Polysorbate 80, Propylene Glycol;
sss) Benzethonium chloride, vitamine E TPGS;
ttt) Benzethonium chloride, Polysorbate 80;
50 uu) Benzethonium chloride, Propylene Glycol, vitamine E TPGS;
vvv) Benzethonium chloride, vitamine E TPGS;
www) Cremophor EL;
xxx) Cremophor EL, Polysorbate 80;

yyy) Cremophor EL, Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237;
zzz) Cremophor EL, Deoxycholate, vitamine E TPGS;
aaaa) Cremophor EL, Poloxamer 407;
bbbb) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237;
5 cccc) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
dddd) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
eeee) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237, Polysorbate 80;
ffff) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 237, vitamine E TPGS;
gggg) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 407;
10 hhhh) Deoxycholate, Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
iiii) Deoxycholate, Polysorbate 80, vitamine E TPGS;
jjjj) Deoxycholate, vitamine E TPGS;
kkkk) PEG 400, Poloxamer 237;
llll) PEG 400, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
15 mmmm) PEG 400, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
nnnn) PEG 400, Poloxamer 407;
oooo) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237;
pppp) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 407;
qqqq) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237;
20 rrrr) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
ssss) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
tttt) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 338;
uuuu) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
vvvv) Poloxamer 188, Poloxamer 407;
25 wwww) Poloxamer 237;
xxxx) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
yyyy) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
zzzz) Poloxamer 237, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
aaaaa) Poloxamer 237, Polysorbate 80;
30 bbbbb) Poloxamer 237, Propylene Glycol;
cccc) Poloxamer 237, vitamine E TPGS;
ddddd) Poloxamer 237, Saccharin sodium;
eeee) Poloxamer 237;
fffff) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338;
35 ggggg) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
hhhhh) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 338, vitamine E TPGS;
iiiii) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
jjjjj) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
kkkkk) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
40 lllll) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407, Propylene Glycol;
mmmmm) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407, Saccharin sodium;
nnnnn) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 407;
ooooo) Poloxamer 237, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate Polysorbate 80;
45 ppppp) Poloxamer 237, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate vitamine E TPGS;
qqqqq) Poloxamer 237, Polysorbate 80;
rrrrr) Poloxamer 338;
sssss) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
ttttt) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
50 uuuuu) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
vvvvv) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
wwwww) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407, Propylene Glycol;
xxxxx) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407, vitamine E TPGS;
yyyyy) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407, Saccharin sodium;

zzzzz) Poloxamer 338, Poloxamer 407;
aaaaaa) Poloxamer 338, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate Polysorbate 80;
bbbbbb) Poloxamer 338, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate vitamine E TPGS;
cccccc) Poloxamer 407;
5 dddddd) Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
eeeeee) Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
ffffff) Poloxamer 407, Propylene Glycol;
gggggg) Poloxamer 407, vitamine E TPGS;
hhhhhh) Poloxamer 407, Saccharin sodium;
10 iiiiii) Poloxamer 407;
jjjjjj) Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate;
kkkkkk) Poloxamer 407, Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate Polysorbate 80;
llllll) Poloxamer 407, Polysorbate 80;
mmmmmm) Polyoxyethylene 40 Stearate,Polysorbate 80;
15 nnnnnn) Polysorbate 80, vitamine E TPGS;
oooooooo) Polysorbate 80;
pppppp) Polysorbate 80, Propylene Glycol 12;
qqqqqq) Polysorbate 80, Propylene Glycol;
rrrrrr) Polysorbate 80;
20 ssssss) Benzalkonium chloride, Poloxamer 237;
tttttt) Benzalkonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Propylene Glycol;
uuuuuu) Benzalkonium chloride, Poloxamer 237, Saccharin sodium;
vvvvvv) Benzethonium Chloride, Poloxamer 237;
wwwww) Benzethonium Chloride, Poloxmer 407;
25 xxxxxx) Poloxamer 237, Poloxamer 237;
yyyyyy) Poloxamer 237, Poloxmer 407;
zzzzzz) Poloxmer 407;
aaaaaaaa) Sodium deoxcholate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, D-alpha-tocopheryl
polyethylene glycol 100 succinate;
30 bbbbbbb) Poloxamer 237, PEG-40 stearate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate;
ccccccc) PEG-400, PEG-40 stearate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate;
ddddddd) Poloxamer 237, PEG-400;
eeeeeee) Sodium deoxcholate, D-alpha-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 100 succinate;
fffffff) polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, propylene glycol, PEG-400, poloxamer 188,
35 citric acid;
ggggggg) Poloxamer 188, PEG 400;
hhhhhhh) Poloxamer 188, PEG 400 propylene glycol; or
iiiiii) Poloxamer 188, PEG 400, propylene glycol, Tween.

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4. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 0.5 to 10% (w/v);
- b) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 0.5 to 5% (w/v);c) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 1 to 3% (w/v); or
- 45 d) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 1% (w/v).

5. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said excipient is present in a concentration of about 0.1 to 25% (w/v);
- b) said excipient is present in a concentration of about 0.5 to 10% (w/v); or
- c) said excipient is present in a concentration of about 1 to 5% (w/v).

5 6. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said composition comprises poloxamer 188, polyethylene glycol 400, and propylene glycol:
 - (i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;
- b) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 and polyethylene glycol 400:
 - (i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;
- c) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (4% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):
 - (i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;
- d) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (3% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):
 - (i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;
- e) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (2% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):
 - (i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

f) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (3% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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g) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (2% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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h) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (8% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (4% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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i) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (7% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (3% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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j) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (7% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (3% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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i) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (7% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (2% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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j) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (7% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (2% w/v)

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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k) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (6% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (4% w/v), and propylene glycol (1% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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l) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (6% w/v), polyethylene glycol 400 (4% w/v), and propylene glycol (2% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal; or

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m) said composition comprises poloxamer 188 (9% w/v) and polyethylene glycol 400 (2% w/v):

(i) wherein said composition further comprises one or more compound selected from citric acid, disodium edetate, metabisulfate, benzyl alcohol, an antioxidant, a preservative, an antimicrobial agent, or a microbicidal;

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7. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

a) said composition is stable for 4 weeks at 25, 40, or 60 degrees Celcius;

b) said composition is stable for 8 weeks at 25, 40 or 60 degrees Celcius; or

c) said composition is stable for 12 weeks at 25, 40 or 60 degrees Celcius.

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8. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

a) said composition has a particle size diameter of between 25 and 200 nm;

b) said composition has a particle size diameter of between 50 and 100 nm; or

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c) said composition forms particles of similar particle size.

9. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said composition does not support microbial growth;
- 5 b) said composition is microbicidal; or
- c) said composition is sufficient for no more than a 10-fold increase in growth, of *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 8739, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 9027 or *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 for at least 24 hours.

10 10. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said composition is functionally bioequivalent to commercial lipid based anesthetic products:
 - (i) wherein said bioequivalence is demonstrated in dogs;
 - (ii) wherein said bioequivalence is demonstrated in humans; or
- 15 b) said composition has a red blood cell blood plasma partition coefficient greater than that of commercial lipid based anesthetic products:
 - (i) wherein said partition coefficient for said composition is between about 2 and 4.

20 11. The composition of Claim 1 further comprising:

- a) an acid;
- b) a base;
- c) a local anesthetic;
- d) a second general anesthetic;
- 25 e) an antimicrobial agent;
- f) a surfactant;
- g) a tonicity modifier;
 - (i) wherein said tonicity modifier is glycerol;
- h) a pH modifier; or
- 30 j) a second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth excipient.

12. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition is substantially free of:

- a. a lipid, a long chain fatty acid, triacylglycerol, or glycerol ester;
- b. an antimicrobial agent; or
- c. a preservative.

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13. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said excipient is purified poloxamer:

- a) wherein said purified poloxamer has a polydispersity value of between about 5 and 1, about 4 and 1, about 3 and 1, about 2 and 1, or about 1.1 and 1.

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14. The composition of Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 0.5 to about 1.5 percent (w/v);
- b) said propofol is present in a concentration of about 0.9 to about 1.1 percent (w/v);
- 15 c) said composition comprises D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate and in a concentration of about 1 to about 5 percent (w/v);
- d) said composition comprises sodium deoxycholate in a concentration of about 1.5 to about 6 percent (w/v);
- e) said composition comprises polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate, and sodium deoxycholate in a total concentration of about 15 percent or less (w/v);
- f) said composition comprises citric acid or a salt thereof in a concentration of at least about 0.1 percent (w/v);
- 20 g) said composition comprises water, 2,6-diisopropylphenol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate, sodium deoxycholate, optionally, a tonicity modifier, and optionally, a pH modifier;
- 25 h) said composition comprises water, 2,6-diisopropylphenol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000

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succinate, sodium deoxycholate, and optionally, citric acid or a salt thereof;

5 i) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of 2,6-diisopropylphenol; about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate; and about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of sodium deoxycholate;

10 j) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of 2,6-diisopropylphenol; about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 237; and about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 40 stearate;

15 k) said excipient is polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate in a concentration of about 3 to about 7 percent (w/v);

 l) said excipient is Poloxamer 237 in a concentration of about 1 to about 5 percent (w/v);

15 m) said excipient is polyethylene glycol 40 stearate in a concentration of about 1.5 to about 6 percent (w/v);

 n) said composition comprises polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, Poloxamer 237, and polyethylene glycol 40 stearate in a total concentration of about 15 percent or less (w/v);

20 o) said composition comprises water, propofol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, Poloxamer 237, polyethylene glycol 40 stearate, optionally, a tonicity modifier, and optionally, a pH modifier;

 p) said composition comprises propofol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, Poloxamer 237, polyethylene glycol 40 stearate, and, optionally, citric acid or a salt thereof;

25 q) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 237; and about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 40;

- r) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 2 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 0.1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 40 stearate;
- 5 s) said composition comprises water, propofol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol 400, polyethylene glycol 40 stearate, optionally, a tonicity modifier, and optionally, a pH modifier;
- t) said composition comprises water, propofol, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol 400, polyethylene glycol 40 stearate, and, 10 optionally, citric acid or a salt thereof;
- u) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 2 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 0.1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 40 stearate;
- 15 v) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 3 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 237;
- w) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 3 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 1 to 20 about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 237;
- x) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 1 to about 15 percent (w/v) of sodium deoxycholate; and about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of D-*alpha*-tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate;
- y) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of propylene glycol; about 1 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 188;
- 25 z) said composition comprises about 0.5 to about 2.4 percent (w/v) of propofol; about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monooleate;

about 0.5 to about 15 percent (w/v) of propylene glycol; about 1 to about 20 percent (w/v) of polyethylene glycol 400; and about 2 to about 15 percent (w/v) of Poloxamer 188.

5 15. A method of treating a patient in need of treatment comprising administering to said patient an aqueous composition comprising propofol and at least one excipient.

16. A multi-use container comprising an aqueous composition of propofol and at least one excipient:

10 a) wherein said container is a vial or bag;
b) wherein said container allows entry of a needle;
c) wherein said composition is resistant to microbial growth;
d) wherein said composition is administered to an animal.